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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED PHASE-OUT PLAN, AID AFFAIRS OFFICE/BRASILIA, WHICH IS CURRENTLY STAFFED WITH TWO US DIRECT HIRE AND FOUR FOREIGN NATIONAL DIRECT HIRE, WAS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE AND THE STAFF TO BE REDUCED TO ZERO IN BOTH PERSONNEL CATEGORIES BY THE END OF FY 1978. HOWEVER, PER REF D, WE WERE ADVISED THAT THE AID/LAC BUREAU HAD RECOMMENED TO THE AID ADMINISTRATOR THAT THE AAO BE RETAINED IN BRASILIA WITH A STAFF OF NO-TO-EXCEED TWO US DIRECT HIRE AND THREE FOREIGN NATIONAL DIRECT-HIRE AND ASKED OUR PRELIMINARY CONCURRENCE WITH THE LAC BUREAU REQUEST. PER REF C, WE GAVE OUR PRELIMINARY CONCURRENCE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING RATIONALE:

A) ON-GOING AND RESIDUAL ACTIVITIES ARE GREATER THAN EXPECTED WHEN THE EMBASSY AND AID/W AGREED TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPTEMBER 30, 1978 CLOSING DATE OVER A YEAR AGO. ONE LOAN HAD TO BE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 31, 1979, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THERE WERE MANY CHANGES IN ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATES FOR PARTICIPATNS; THERE ARE STILL SOME 50 PARTICIPANTS IN TRAINING WHO WILL BE RETURNING UP THROUGH DECEMBER 1979. ALTHOUGH WE STILL EXPECT THAT MANY RESIDUAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY

AID/W OR ANOTHER USAID, SOME ACTIVITIES WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENTLY CARRIED OUT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AID STAFF IN BRASILIA.

B) ALTERNATIVES FOR ASSISTING REGIONAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING IN BRAZIL HAVE NOT DEVELOPED SATISFACTORILY.

C) US INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE "MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES POLICY", AND INCREASING GOB INTEREST IN FAMILY PLANNING (ALBEIT THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES), ARGUE FOR A SMALL BUT CONTINUED AID PRESENCE, AT LEAST THROUGH FY 1979.

2. EMBASSY CONCURRENCE CAN BE CONSIDERED FINAL IF THE AID ADMINISTRATOR APPROVES THE LAC BUREAU RECOMMENDATION DESCRIBED REF D. SAYRE

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